

DISTRICT FUNDING QUESTIONNAIRE

MANY OF YOU MAY RECALL THAT THERE WERE TWO RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT THE NVACD ANNUAL MEETING THIS YEAR REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE STATE FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAMS.

BY REQUEST FROM THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, THE STATE ASSOCIATION IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP TO COMPILE INFORMATION FROM DISTRICTS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH THE "NEED" FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING. THE INFORMATION GATHERED COULD BE USED TO DISPLAY THE NEEDS OF DISTRICTS TO LEGISLATORS BEFORE AND DURING THE NEXT SESSION.

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME TO FILL OUT THIS FORM. INCREASES IN FUTURE FUNDING TO DISTRICTS MAY DEPEND UPON THIS INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

NVACD PRESIDENT, CHRIS FREEMAN

- 1) What is your district's annual income including funding from the Nevada Division of conservation districts and any county funding? **(Excluding other grants)**
 - A. Less than \$10,001
 - B. More than \$10,001 but less than \$20,000
 - C. More than \$20,000 but less than \$40,000
 - D. More than \$40,000 but less than \$60,000
 - E. Greater than \$60,000
- 2) What percent of your district's total annual budget is derived from other grant sources?
 - A. Less than 25%
 - B. More than 25% but less than 50%
 - C. More than 50% but less than 75%
 - D. More than 75%
- 3) Aside from the funding you receive from the Division of conservation districts, what other sources of funding does your district utilize? **(Circle all that apply and include percent of total)**
 - A. Federal _____%
 - B. State (Other) _____%
 - C. County _____%
 - D. City _____%
 - E. Private _____%
- 4) How many full time (30 hours or more per week) employees does your district currently employ?
 - A. None
 - B. 1-2
 - C. 3-4
 - D. 5 or more

- 5) Does your district employ any part time (less than 30 hours per week) employees?
 A. Yes Number_____
- B. No
- 6) How much cash or in-kind match (i.e. donated services, labor, equipment, materials, etc.) does your district generate annually, on average, excluding funds from other grant sources?
- _____
- 7) What types of programs does your district currently operate? (**Circle all that apply**)
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| A. Noxious Weed Treatment | _____ |
| B. Watershed Restoration | _____ |
| C. Wetland Enhancement | _____ |
| D. Educational Training | _____ |
| E. Rangeland Enhancement | _____ |
| F. Forest Health / Fire Suppression | _____ |
| G. Stormwater Containment | _____ |
| H. Wildlife Habitat Enhancement | _____ |
| I. Soil Erosion Control | _____ |
| J. Meeting Coordination | _____ |
| K. Conservation Easements | _____ |
| L. Landscape/Irrigation Demonstrations | _____ |
| M. Public Outreach/Educational Materials | _____ |
| N. Other_____ | _____ |

Please answer the questions below as realistically as possible and be specific. We realize there may be some difficulty answering some of the questions below due to the nature of grants and other sources of income. It may help to review previous financial reports.

- 8) What are some of your districts most significant issues or concerns that you are currently unable to address effectively and efficiently due to a lack of funding?
- 9) What resources would your district need in order to address these issues or concerns effectively and efficiently?

- 10) If additional funding from the State of Nevada were made available to your district, which issues and concerns would you address during the next two fiscal years?
- 11) Do you believe that additional funding from the State would enhance your districts ability to receive grants from other sources that could be leveraged against the State's funds? If so, to what extent? (e.g.: **dollar for dollar (1:1) up to \$____,000.00, 2:1, 3:1, etc.)**)
- 12) What amount of additional state funding per year could your district utilize to realistically address the issues and concerns you identified in question 10 above?
- 13) Does your District utilize office space?
- A. Yes
 - B. No (skip to 16)
- 14) If yes, does your District...
- A. Own the office space?
 - B. Pay to rent office space?
 - C. Lease office space to or from another party?
 - D. Have office space provided by another party at no direct cost?
- 15) If office space is provided on an annual basis by another party at no direct cost to your District, what is the fair market value of that space and any other office materials or supplies provided by that party?
- 16) If funding were made available to Districts, would your District prefer those funds be available on a competitive basis or divided evenly among all districts or a combination of both? If additional funding is available, do you have another method that you think we should use to distribute funding to Districts? Please explain it.

- 17) If additional funding were made available to your district through the state, would your district consider entering into a Contribution Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to serve as a Technical Service Provider for their programs? If yes, how would that benefit the State? (**Economically, Environmentally, Socially, etc.**)

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. Your input is sincerely appreciated and will enhance our ability to realistically portray your conservation goals, resource needs and current programs. We will compile the information and use it as a tool in exploring additional and alternative funding for Nevada's Conservation Districts. We will copy and distribute to each district the document created by this information for your review and use.

Name of District you are representing

Area of Nevada your District serves

E-mail address (s)

Primary Contact(s)